

1 ~~92~~. (NEW) A locking method for a portable electronic device, comprising
2 the steps of:
3 engaging a generally rectangular security slot, having dimensions of about
4 3mmx7mm, defined in a wall of the portable electronic device with a moveable locking
5 member;
6 moving said locking member to a locked position relative to said security
7 slot to configure said locking member in a locked configuration; and
8 maintaining said locked configuration by use of a pin proximate said
9 locking member;
10 wherein said pin extends into said security slot.

1 ~~93~~. (NEW) The locking method of claim ~~92~~ wherein said locking member
2 rotates to said locked position.

1 ~~3~~ ~~94~~. (NEW) The locking method of claim ~~92~~ wherein said pin extends into
2 said security slot after said locking member has moved to said locked position.

1 ~~4~~ ~~95~~. (NEW) The locking method of claim ~~92~~ wherein said locking member
2 is coupled to a housing and further comprising the step of localizing said housing to an
3 object other than to the portable electronic device.

1 ~~5~~ ~~96~~. (NEW) The locking method of claim ~~95~~ wherein said localizing step
2 includes the step of associating a cable, coupled to said housing, to said object.

1 ~~6~~ ~~97~~. (NEW) The locking method of claim ~~93~~ wherein said pin enters into
2 said security slot before said locking member moves to said locked position.

1 ~~7~~ ~~98~~. (NEW) The locking method of claim ~~92~~ wherein a lock secures said
2 locking member into said locking position.

1 ~~899~~ (NEW) The locking method of claim ~~92~~ wherein a lock secures said
2 pin.

1 ~~9100~~ (NEW) The locking method of claim ~~98~~ wherein said lock is a keyed
2 tumbler lock.

1 ~~101~~ (NEW) The locking method of claim ~~98~~ wherein said lock is an
2 interlocking system of aligned apertures with a second object passing therethrough to
3 maintain a locked configuration.

1 ~~102~~ (NEW) The locking method of claim ~~101~~ wherein said second object
2 is a cable.

1 ~~103~~ (NEW) The locking method of claim ~~99~~ wherein said lock is a keyed
2 tumbler lock.

1 ~~104~~ (NEW) The locking method of claim ~~99~~ wherein said lock is an
2 interlocking system of aligned apertures with a second object passing therethrough to
3 maintain a locked configuration.

1 ~~105~~ (NEW) The locking method of claim ~~104~~ wherein said second object
2 is a cable.

REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims ~~93~~ 93-105 are pending.

Applicants note with appreciation the indicated allowability of claims 75,
76 and 79. Accordingly, applicants have rewritten claims 73 and 75 as new claim ~~93~~ 93.
Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim ~~93~~ 93 is allowable. Claims 94-105 depend,
either directly or indirectly, on claim ~~93~~ 93 and therefore, they are allowable for at least the
reasons claim ~~93~~ 93 is allowable. These claims further define and augment the features of
applicants' invention.

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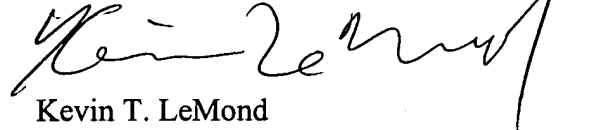
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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